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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BLUNT).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

Washington, DC, June 24, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable ROY BLUNT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Rev. David S. Clift, Duck United Methodist Church, Duck, North Carolina, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, our Creator, we acknowledge Your reign over the universe and the affairs of men. You ordained that governments should lead and guide Your people.

Grant these servants wisdom as they take up the mantle of stewardship of a nation and a world.

Grant them inspiration as they endeavor to find answers, solve problems, and dream dreams.

Grant them courage so when they are right, they will be able to stand firm in spite of criticism, persecution, or resistance.

Grant them humility so that when they are wrong, they will be able to change in spite of embarrassment and pride.

Grant them understanding so that they will know when to be courageous and when to be humble.

We express our gratitude for the privilege of living in a free and wonderful land. May we rise up with sacrificial enthusiasm to fulfill the glorious task of keeping alive the hope we call America. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

House in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ms. STABENOW led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4060. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 4060) "An Act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Bennett, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. REID, Mr. BYRD, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. INOUYE, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

WELCOMING REV. DAVID CLIFT OF DUCK, NORTH CAROLINA

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues, I want to thank Rev. David Clift for his opening prayer.

Reverend Clift is pastor of the Duck United Methodist Church located on the beautiful Outer Banks of North Carolina, which is in the Third Congressional District. Since coming to the Outer Banks in 1994, the Reverend has served one of the fastest growing congregations in the State.

Reverend Clift is married to Libby Aull and they have two children, Mark, who is a college student, and Elizabeth, who is in high school.

I personally know several of Reverend Clift's church members who tell me he is a dynamic preacher and is greatly appreciated by his congregation. He is often invited to speak throughout the United Methodist Conference.

Again, I would like to thank Reverend Clift for joining us today and for the work he does every day by serving our Lord and his fellow man.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 1-minutes on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HEATHER WILSON UPON HER ELECTION TO CONGRESS

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, it is hard for this West Pointer to say, "Go

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